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From time to time business interests of the country are being admonished to build as wisely and as soundly as possible under existing circumstances and to guard against tendencies toward inflation and overexpansion. In other words, "stop, look and listen." Only last week Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, in a statement dealing in detail with prevailing prosperous conditions in the iron and steel industry and the war in its world-wide application to economic affairs, predicted an early ending of the war and drew the conclusion that "we ought to stop, ponder, reason. We shall be all the better for it. Legitimate enterprise and progress will be benefited if we read all the signs, consider the past and reflect upon the future."

Such admonitions are timely. The country has advanced to its present state of prosperity not only under the influences of just such warnings every once in a while, but under the influence of acute international complications from time to time and a host of other developments, which ordinarily would have been regarded as almost insurmountable to business progress. Therefore, our prosperity is not as a house built upon the sand, susceptible to every ill wind that blows.

The experience of this country since the outbreak of the war has brought us to a realization of our wonderful resources. We are vastly richer than we ever dreamed of; we have proven that we can adapt ourselves to new conditions in a shorter period of time than had ever been thought possible; all told, we have been impressed by the folly of getting panicky, and the utility of prophecy. We would still be in the slough of dependency if predictions made at the beginning of the war had come true.

Opinions as to how long the war will last are worthless except for the steady influence they may exert on general conditions. The past year saw a widening of the field of hostilities and the involvement of additional nations. The war may last a year longer and again it may go on for years. But we know that we are making strides as a World Power as well as in our domestic affairs and that our horoscope is promising, be the war long or short. We are establishing not only close trade relations with our neighbors to the south, but a feeling of brotherliness—a disposition to stand together against foes. We have the capital to help them and soon we shall be making all the things they have been buying from the nations at war and we shall be taking in return their surplus products, such as coffee, sugar and rubber. And then after the war the probabilities would seem to be that we shall be called on to help rebuild and rehabilitate the wrecked industries and railroads of Europe. It is alright to be careful but there is no occasion to become uneasy.—(The Louisville Times.—Louisville Times.)

Nat. R. Sewell, State Inspector and Examiner, after a conference with Gov. Stanley, announced that his office force will be former Circuit Clerk Alvin Stegar, of Owen-ton, succeeding Lawrence White, now Asst. State Treasurer; former Sheriff John M. Crowe, of Morganfield, succeeding G. W. Castle, of Louisa, and N. M. Elliott, of Laurel county, who will succeed Miss Alice Hobson Monday. Mr. Elliott is an attorney of London, and was Gov. Stanley's campaign manager in Laurel.

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA

## A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS



### PROTECT THE FUTURE.

There is only one way in which Kentucky can protect herself in the future from "possum-hunting," tobacco-bred scrapings and other acts of lawlessness. That safe and certain way lies through the careful upbuilding of every rural school in the state. Giving every child an education is not enough; make every child take an education, and the future prosperity of the state is absolutely secure. Allow even a small percentage of the children of to-day to grow up in ignorance and they become the law-breakers of the Commonwealth.

Protect the future welfare of every community with better school houses, with all the children in them, and peace, happiness and prosperity will become a trinity of power in Kentucky.

### WHAT AILS THE BOY?

If the average father who wonders why his boy hates to go to school, would pay a visit to that self same school, he would understand perfectly. Why should the boy care to go to a small country school house that is uncomfortable? Why should the boy be anxious to attend a school where the teacher is underpaid and overworked? Why should he be interested when his parents are so little interested that they never darken the school house door?

Make the school attractive, arrange matters so that the teacher is neither underpaid nor overworked, show interest by visiting the school occasionally, and the average boy will not strive to stay away.

If every small community in the State of Kentucky is able to buy and run half a dozen autos, each one of them can afford a good school. The money paid for the machines is spent, but the money put into the schools would be invested in the future prosperity of the children and the state itself.

No one objects to giving money to build a fine church. Why should the building of a fine school house be a different proposition?

## SHE HAD A REAL VISION



The fitful flames in the grate under a row of well-filled stockings lighted the faces of the young farmer and his wife. Both faces wore the Christmas smile, the smile which tells the story that "Christmas comes but once a year. But when it comes it brings Good Cheer."

Gradually the smile died in the woman's eyes and the curve of her lips straightened into a hard line. Her glance left the flickering flames to run over the row of grotesquely fat stockings along the edge of the mantle. Slowly she arose, walked into an adjoining room, and looked at the rosy cheeks of her brood of youngsters who were dreaming of the glorious morning. When she again dropped on the stool by the man's side, he turned to ask: "They are all snug and sound asleep, dreaming of Christmas Day, ain't they, little woman?"

"Yes," she answered, listlessly. "Putting her hand under the woman's chin he lifted her face to look deep into her eyes before he said: "Something's worryin' you. What is it? Don't let's start out the night before Christmas with any worry on our minds. Have you forgot to get some present for one of the children, or what?"

She nodded her head emphatically and explained: "Yes, that's it exactly. We've forgotten all about the best present of them all and one that lasts all the year."

"Well, but what is it?" "It's the school."

The man began to laugh and then checked himself as he saw the pain in his wife's face, so he merely said, quietly: "Go ahead, little woman, and tell me what's on your mind."

"Here it is. I've been sitting here thinking of all the thought and love we have put into the children's stockings so that Christmas may bring them good cheer. I've thought of all the parents who love their children, as you and I love ours, and I have sorter pined and worried everybody in this neighborhood planning and spending for the children's pleasure to-morrow."

"Well, don't you think that's all right?" he asked her as he put his hand over her's where it rested on the arm of his chair. "Oh, yes, of course I do. I want to-morrow to be the happiest day the children have ever known; but there's a bigger thing than Christmas that we have forgotten, and that's the school-house where they go day after day."

"What do you want for the children in the way of a school?" the man asked.

The woman did not answer the question, but went to the mantle and picked up a small electrical toy above her ten-year-old son's stocking. For a moment she held it in her hand and then asked: "Why did you buy this for Jim?"

"I bought it because he's wild about electricity and it's the newest electrical toy I could find."

"That's just what I expected you'd say. The parents in this neighborhood have bought their children up-to-date toys, even if they had to borrow some money with which to do it. They want to-morrow to be a real Christmas for the kids."

"What about the school, little woman? It seems to me you're doing a lot of beating around the bush."

"No, I'm not, I'm trying to get you to the point where you'll see that, while we are dressing our children in 20th Century clothes, giving them 20th Century toys, and 20th Century fruits and candies, we haven't provided a 20th Century schoolhouse, nor a 20th Century school system. I mean that these preparations, and her gesture took in the bulging stockings and the toys on the mantle, "come but once a year and do not have much of an effect on the child's life. What we need is to give our children, especially those that live under the blue skies that cover our farms, real schools, no matter what they cost. If parents would only use some of the Christmas-giving spirit in developing our country schools, the country would be so much happier for the women and the children from one year's end to another."

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